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SUBJECT: SOVIET ARMENIAN AND ASSYRIAN CHRISTIAN REFUGEES
(OPERATION SAFEHAVEN)

REF: ATHENS 7653 AND PREVIOUS

1. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, REMAINING REFUGEES FROM OPERATION
SAFEHAVEN WERE REINTERVIEWED AT ATHENS BY INS DURING LAST WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER, LOOKING TOWARD THEIR PAROLE INTO U.S. TO REJOIN
FAMILY MEMBERS.

2. EMBASSY WAS DELIGHTED AT DEPT'S RESPONSE TO ITS RECOMMENDATION
TO REINTERVIEW THESE REFUGEES, BUT REGRETS PAROLE WAS NOT EXTENDED
TO SEVERAL CASES INVOLVING 17 INDIVIDUALS LISTED BELOW. AS NOTED
IN PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE RELATIVES WITHIN
U.S. BUT ARE NOW STRANDED AT ATHENS UNDER CARE OF UNHCR AND
VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, WITH NO HOPE FOR RESETTLEMENT ELSEWHERE.

3. EMBASSY IS RELUCTANT TO AGAIN APPROACH DEPARTMENT AND INS
IN BEHALF THESE PEOPLE, BUT FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS DOES SO IN
HOPE SOME WAY CAN BE FOUND TO REUNITE THEM WITH THEIR FAMILIES
IN U.S. AND CONCLUDE PROGRAM WHICH HAS DRAGGED ON SINCE INITIAL
REJECTIONS DURING SPRING OF 1976.

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4. CASES AND NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS FOLLOW:
MIKAELIAN, SARKIS (AGE 35) AND FAMILY (7)
AGE
EKHSAPET 51
JACQUELINE 11
ARSHIETH 49

WARTOONI 45

NOUHAR 17

ALBERT 7

FAMILY'S MOTHER, BROTHER AND SISTERS RESIDE IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, HAVING BEEN GRANTED CONDITIONAL ENTRY AT BEIRUT BEFORE INS PROCESSING OF REFUGEES WAS TERMINATED.

JOULAKH, HAYAT AND SONS (5)

AGE

TALAL 23

WAHED 22

IMAD 19

SAAD 17

MRS. JOULAKH HAS TWO SONS IN THE U.S., ONE OF WHOM HAS BEEN U.S. RESIDENT FOR OVER FOUR YEARS AND IS MARRIED TO U.S. CITIZEN. ONE OF SONS WITH MRS. JOULAKH IS MENTALLY RETARDED, BUT LIVES WITH FAMILY.

JAMIL, KHALID (1)

HAS TWO BROTHERS, THREE SISTERS AND FATHER IN U.S.

HANNA, ESKANDAR, WIFE AND CHILD (3)

IS EGYPTIAN COPT. HAS BROTHER IN U.S. WHO WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR CITIZENSHIP IN APRIL 1978.

MANSOUR, AYOUP MISINA (1) IS EGYPTIAN COPT.

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RELATIVES IN U.S. INCLUDE TWO NEPHEWS AND NIECE. LATTER MARRIED TO U.S. CITIZEN (DOCTOR) WHO IS WILLING TO SPONSOR.

5. WITH EXCEPTION OF MANSOUR, THESE REFUGEES HAVE CLOSE RELATIVES IN U.S. WHO IN DUE COURSE (SOME AS EARLY AS 1978) WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR CITIZENSHIP AND QUALIFIED AT THAT TIME TO PETITION FOR PREFERENCE STATUS IN BEHALF OF THEIR RELATIVES. THEREFORE, IT WOULD APPEAR QUESTION IS NOT WHETHER THESE PEOPLE WILL BE ADMITTED TO U.S., BUT WHEN. FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE NAMED INDIVIDUALS BE ADMITTED NOW THROUGH INDIVIDUAL PAROLE FOR PURPOSE OF REUNION WITH THEIR FAMILIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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